

Franklin County Council May 16, 2006 in County Commissioners room @ 7:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Donald "Butch" Williams Carroll Lanning Kenneth Rosenberger Jeff Koch Hollie Sintz Martha Bergman Robert Runyon

Elected Officials: Robert Brack Louis Linkel Dale Maxie Rebecca Oglesby

Franklin County Auditor: Carol L. Monroe

*Donald "Butch" Williams opens meeting with pledge of allegiance
Reads Stayin Alive invitation May 18 to mounds restaurant

- I. Capital Projects Plan – Whitewater Valley Library
 - a. Melody Gault (Library Director) – we have added two townships to library district from last year (Fairfield and Blooming Grove). Usage of library is increasing (11070) with over 3000 registered borrowers. Over 43,000 items in library. Hours of service has decreased from 57 hours to 40 hours due to budget cuts. Hoping to soon go back to “old” hours as soon as budget crunch is over. For 2007, the bin in the Brookville Library is causing a moisture problem and that has been added. Computers are updated all of the time and we need to stay on top of that with both buildings. Replaced copier at Laurel this year. Hoping to get one at Brookville replaced, it breaks down a lot (we have had it 4 ½ years) and we are on our last leg. Have started replacing some of the shelving in Brookville. We are here to serve and never know what people are going to need when they walk in. Goal is to be a very needed part of the community.
 - b. Donald "Butch" Williams – asks if remodeling is paid for
 - c. Melody Gault – yes
 - d. Carroll Lanning – will the new year bring the old hours?
 - e. Melody Gault – we are hoping
 - f. Kenneth Rosenberger – how many computers
 - g. Melody Gault – 8. Our computers aren’t up to snuff. We have students come in, adults come in and we help them with things such as their resume
 - h. Donald "Butch" Williams – do have any idea what they next ones will be added?
 - i. Melody Gault – working on several townships. Talking with Highland, Whitewater and Saltcreek Townships. Butler, I talked to but, it is a back and forth thing. Hoping to get two more next year.
 - j. Carroll Lanning – doing a good job
 - k. Donald "Butch" Williams – Reads **Resolution 2006-15**
 - l. Martha Bergman – move the resolution be approved
 - m. Robert Runyon – seconds the motion
 - n. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried
 - o. Melody Gault – Judy Douglas will be attending her final meeting tonight and we are suggesting a nominee of Kit Flaspohler – see attached letter
 - p. Donald "Butch" Williams – don’t see a problem with acting on this tonight. Katherine (Kit) Flaspohler
 - q. Pat Combs (Board Member) – thanks County Council for appointing her
 - r. Carroll Lanning – motion to accept appointment of Katherine (Kit) Flaspohler
 - s. Jeff Koch – seconds the motion
 - t. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried
- II. Minutes (April 25, 2006 & 2005 Budget Hearings and Adoption)
 - a. April 25, 2006 / Budget Hearings & Adoption of 2005
 - i. Kenneth Rosenberger moves to approve all minutes
 - ii. Jeff Koch seconds the motion
 - iii. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried
- III. Spillman Contract
 - a. Donald "Butch" Williams – Dale brought me the contract for the lease purchase agreement which I and Carol (Monroe) signed in the noted places (per agreement on January 27, 2006)
- IV. Loan to County General **Resolution 2006-16**
 - a. Donald "Butch" Williams – reads resolution
 - b. Jeff Koch – move to accept resolution 2006-16
 - c. Hollie Sintz seconds the motion
 - d. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried
- V. Sheriff Pension
 - a. Dale Maxie – asked Elaine Beaty. Several deputies and I sat down and discussed pension plan. Right now after 8 years, you are vested. (If we pass this with the merit board-the guys in there now will be grandfathered in). After this, you would be vested after 10 years. Don’t like someone from outside coming in and getting 8 years and being vested.
 - b. Elaine Beaty – the reason I am here tonight-it has been a growing concern across the Counties. As it is (now) a Sheriff comes in from the outside (not within the ranks of the department), serve 8 years, and have a similar retirement as the deputies who have been there 20 years. In order for this change to occur, it takes the action of the fiscal body. It won’t affect anyone who currently works there. It’s (effective) for July 1, 2006 and in the future.
 - c. Robert Runyon – what about someone like Eldon Cornelius
 - d. Elaine Beaty – it won’t affect him. We are just here to prepare the legal paperwork. It is the sheriff and members of the sheriff department wanting to discourage an outside agent coming in.
 - e. Donald "Butch" Williams – how will this save the county money
 - f. Elaine Beaty – if a sheriff comes in (without going through the ranks), they would not be vested at 8 years.

- g. Dale Maxie – looking at this, think it is wrong to retire from one agency and “double dipping”. Taking this to merit board on 23 (May)
 - h. Donald "Butch" Williams – you are actually paying in, and they won’t lose that
 - i. Elaine Beaty – correct (flip tape)
 - j. Martha Bergman – are there other counties doing this
 - k. Dale Maxie – Union, Rush
 - l. Elaine Beaty – Fayette has been that way for some time/Wayne county did
 - m. Kenneth Rosenberger – in PERF you have to have 10 years and that is only fair
 - n. Hollie Sintz – agree with Kenneth Rosenberger
 - o. Carroll Lanning – if this is what the sheriff department talked about this and it is what they want
 - p. Donald "Butch" Williams – how will our decision effect what merit board does-they could over turn?
 - q. Elaine Beaty – all three have to agree – Sheriff, Council, merit board. If one does not agree, then it does not go through
 - r. Robert Runyon – ask Commissioners opinions
 - s. Louis Linkel – don’t see a problem
 - t. Elaine Beaty – if member is marred and wants wife to continue he will receive less of a pension
 - u. Donald "Butch" Williams – a lot of time this is done to keep good people interested. In near future-we are ok. Do you (Dale) think down the road we are not going to be changing something?
 - v. Dale Maxie – you can change it every year if you want. But me and my guys believe it is the best for the county and the department
 - w. Robert Runyon – it is a dangerous job. Hate to take anything away when I feel we should give more, but we can’t.
 - x. Dale Maxie – you can think about this.
 - y. Donald "Butch" Williams – will it change anything else in the system
 - z. Elaine Beaty – just the number of years
 - aa. Dale Maxie – it is not fair to the people of the county and to the deputies
 - bb. Carroll Lanning – motion that we accept the change (in police pension) from 8 to 10 years
 - cc. Jeff Koch – seconds the motion
 - dd. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried.
- VI. NIMS (National Incident Management System)
- a. Ed Hollenbach – President’s Homeland Security act in 2002 created it. Who takes this-elected officials who write policy? All County Council members take is 700 test (printed books out). If you want any help-I cannot be a instructor but can help. Takes about 1 ½ hours but if you go online it will be 3 hours of reading and then the test. All county employees have to take is 700. Every member of the fire dept have to take is 700. If you as a group or individuals need my help, I will. They will tell you if you passed or failed. Downside is state is effusing I need to go on broadband-have to verify that everyone is NIMS compliant. If by the end of September this year, we are not in compliant the County stands to get no federal monies. Will need your social security number-that is what they use to track. To do it yourself go to (on web) = nimsis700. As you get your certificates make a copy and send it to me.
 - b. Carroll Lanning – if we take test ourselves, can we take it again.
 - c. Ed Hollenbach – absolutely, you will know in about a week if you pass or fail.
 - d. Donald "Butch" Williams – note at each meeting we need to remind council to do this.
- VII. Bird Flu
- a. Robert Brack – need someone from council for meetings
 - b. Hollie Sintz – I can do it
 - c. Robert Brack – these doctors are not saying if-they are saying when. We are going to set the government center up for a generator backup. They gym would be the hospital and the building would be headquarters. Anyone who has been out of the country and back into Franklin County is being tested. Will be talking to school about going in together. It will be expensive but we have to do it.
 - d. Susan Jones- if something happens in Cincinnati, they will come to this county
- VIII. Commissioner minutes
- a. Donald "Butch" Williams – on payroll questions why the chief deputy auditor was “paid off”. Do we have to change the salary ordinance or did you override us.
 - b. Robert Brack – you already did it. That is the way we have always done it until you changed it at the other meeting.
- IX. Extension
- a. Donald "Butch" Williams – Ron Larew is retiring and his final day is May 31st. Has a call into Dan Stewart, district director. Told Ron to be here tonight, but he isn’t. I can’t remember-we pay in so much money into Purdue. We have one person we pay ½ salary and one we pay to Purdue.
 - b. Robert Brack – they will refund us
 - c. Donald "Butch" Williams – he said something about Purdue wanting a percent of some \$5,000.00 amount
 - d. Robert Brack – he wants to make secretary part time.
 - e. Donald "Butch" Williams – this is going to be interesting. Will take to director and see what is going on.
- X. Adjourn
- a. Hollie Sintz motion to adjourn
 - b. Jeff Koch – seconds the motion
 - c. Donald "Butch" Williams – outa here.

To be approved June 27, 2006